

## **SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE meeting of May 24, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Sports and Recreation Committee was held at the H. Lee Dennison Building, Hauppauge, New York in the Media Room on Wednesday, May 24, 2000 at 2:30 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Joseph Caracappa, Chairman  
Legislator Ginny Fields, Vice Chair  
Legislator Cameron Alden  
Legislator Vivian Fisher

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ellen Martin, Legislative Aide to Presiding Officer Tonna  
Todd Johnson, County Executive's Office

### **Minutes Taken By:**

Kimberly Castiglione, Legislative Secretary

*(The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.)*

### **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

We will do a quick Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Bishop.

*(Salutation)*

This will be a quick one today. There is two resolutions. First, let's just get the sense out of the way.

**Sense No. 59 Memorializing resolutions requesting State of New York to enact protection for officials against violent acts during organized sports events. (Carpenter)**

There is a motion by Legislator Alden, second by Legislator Fields. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? Please include Legislator Fisher in that vote. She is just outside the door there. **(Vote: 4/0/0/0)**

1406, tabled prime.

**I.R. 1406-2000 Banning HIV Seminar for legislative district recreational programs. (Carpenter)**

We debated this and talked about this at the last Sports and Recreation Committee meeting. What I have done, at the direction of the committee and in conjunction with Clare Roden from the Youth Bureau, who I expected to be here today, is we reached a compromise for the most part. What we are planning on doing for mostly the recreational leagues that are being mandated through contracts that the County mandates on them for receiving funding to go through this three hour HIV training program, we have seen to make that a 45 minute presentation without graphic detail or anything such as we spoke about last committee meeting where people were offended and it was a little bit of overkill in regards to the

education aspect of HIV and those related issues surrounding it.

At this point in time I probably will possibly withdraw the resolution, but it will be contingent upon those changes being made and set in stone. They don't need to be done through resolution. Dr. Clare Bradley has been in contact with Clare Roden and it seems that this is feasible and doable for let me emphasize the recreation leagues. Those youth agencies that will provide some sort of counseling as they normally do and where there is social workers attached to it, they will maintain the HIV training that is in place now. I think they are actually even going to rework that so it is fine tuned to accommodate their standard, so to speak.

**LEGISLATOR ALDEN:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

Actually, at this point we will do a motion to table subject to call by myself and contingent upon those changes I will be withdrawing it. Until I am satisfied that that will be done and is done, we will keep the bill around in the back of our memory just for the time being.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

I'll second that, and may I make a comment on that?

(Vote: 4/0/0/0)

**CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

Yes, Legislator Fisher.

**LEGISLATOR FISHER:**

I would like to make a comment on the record that I applaud you, Mr. Chairman, for your willingness to look for the compromise and to work with both the Commissioner of Health and the Director, Clare Roden, of the Youth Bureau. But I do applaud you for the compromise and I think it was a very good dialogue. I spoke to both Clare Roden and Dr. Bradley about this and I think that you are certainly heading in the right direction. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

Thank you for those words. I guess that is really our responsibility in government. Things are always on the books, but it is always up to us to streamline them and make sure they are adequate to today's needs for groups, especially serving the youth. I think this works for everybody. I am satisfied with it at this point in time.

If there is any other business to come before this committee? Hearing and seeing no other business here in Sports and Recreation, I deem it closed. Adjourned.

*(The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.)*